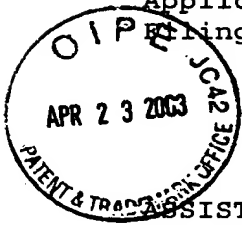


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. ☐ Consider the unentered amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____.
2. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
3. ☒ Enclosed is/are

 X Amendment/Reply.
 Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
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 Other (identify):

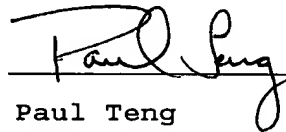
4. _____ Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27 is claimed.
- _____ A verified statement to establish small entity status is enclosed.
- _____ A verified statement to establish small entity status was previously filed and such status is still proper and desired.
5. X A check in the amount of \$ 750.00 is enclosed.

6. _____ The, Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

X RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
_____ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17).
_____ Other fees (identify): _____

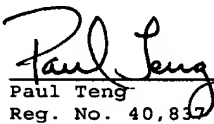
7. X Three copies of this transmittal are enclosed.

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